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Key employee



Brad Woessner, facilities services, was named the Classified Staff Outstanding Employee of the Year at a ceremony April 24. Woessner, a locksmith, joined the BGSU staff in 1983. The Team Award was presented to the Office of Registration and Records.

Seniors offer a look back

What do graduating seniors have to say about BGSU? What in their University careers contributed most to their development? President Sidney Ribeau wanted to know.

So in January, he began hosting a series of Senior Assemblies in which he met with students in their last year and queried them about their experiences at Bowling Green. The meetings were held by college, and were attended by the respective deans and Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs. The results were enlightening, Ribeau said.

"A core group of students attended each Senior Assembly. Students were very vocal in their comments regarding their experiences while at BGSU. They shared stories of challenges and triumphs which resulted in significant personal development," he related. "I was proud to hear about the many faculty who had taken a special interest in the lives of our students. These are the stories we should be sharing with one another, as they speak to the essence of our students' learning."

Others involved in the senior project were Milt Hakel, Ohio Eminent Scholar in psychology, and Mark Gromko, vice provost for academic affairs, who were interested from the perspective of assessment.

A common theme throughout the assemblies was that students valued active learning and hands-on assignments that engaged

them in the learning process.

"We want to improve our pedagogical processes by encouraging wider use of these practices in all courses," Hakel, who is chair of the assessment committee, said. "Certainly the student testimonials will lend great support to the idea."

Following is a sampling of some of the students' comments:

- The overall college experience taught me patience and persistence. Group projects helped me to develop leadership skills. These projects also helped me to learn to trust others and their work.

- My experience in an internship also helped to enhance my academic development and they truly prepared me to enter the business world.

- Getting involved in organizations and taking on leadership positions has given me the ability to develop skills that will be valuable after I graduate. It's incredible how much you learn when you're in charge of an organization or other position, including leadership, mediation, cooperation and teamwork. Classes help build a solid foundation of knowledge, but being able to apply those to organizational and group projects was essential.

- I believe Firelands College to be a special place. What we learn here far exceeds a classroom boundary. There is no lesson plan to teach tolerance and patience, no homework assignment on loyalty, compassion and trust, no interactive class on understanding. These lessons are equally as important as academics... Thank you Firelands and BGSU.

"We plan to share the information gathered from the Senior

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to our BGSU community this past year. Your efforts, both in and out of the classroom, have assisted many students to achieve their dream of receiving a college degree.

Sharing your experiences and leading by example demonstrates to students that they can be successful in attaining their personal and career goals without compromising the values of respect for one another, cooperation, and pride in a job well done, three of the University's core values. Your dedication to student learning helps us create an excellent educational environment in which students do not merely earn degrees, but also receive an education.

As yet another school year ends, I encourage you to reflect on your accomplishments and experience the pride and satisfaction that comes from a job well done. I applaud your commitment to excellence, to service and to BGSU as we move forward in achieving our vision of becoming "the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation."

To our community members who are retiring or moving on to other academic challenges, I wish you the best in your future endeavors. To our returning faculty and staff, I look forward to our continued success in the future. To all of you, I wish you a safe and pleasant summer.

Sincerely,
Sidney A. Ribeau
President

Gavini, Manning named winners

Two faculty members received the University's Outstanding Young Scholar Award at a luncheon April 25. Narasaiah



Nara Gavini

Gavini, biological sciences, and Wendy Manning, sociology, were honored. Each received a cash award of \$1,000 and a \$1,000 credit to their discretionary research accounts in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

Gavini's research centers on understanding the mechanism of nitrogen fixation, a process responsible for the biological cycling of nitrogen on earth. Facilitating plants' ability to procure and use this essential nutrient could increase agricultural production, according to George Bullerjahn, chair of the biology department.

The research has earned Gavini invitations to speak at prestigious research conferences, as well as grants from the National Institutes of Health, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation. Since joining Bowling Green's faculty in 1993 he has also been recognized with several BGSU awards for his com-



Wendy Manning

mitment to mentoring students and providing them opportunities to participate in research and publishing.

Manning, who has taught here since 1995, has conducted path-breaking research on the "economic and social support divorced fathers provide or do not provide to their children, and the economic consequences of marriage and divorce for women," according to Gary Lee, chair of the sociology department.

She has been very successful in obtaining funding for her research, including grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, unusual for a young scholar. She also has an outstanding record of publication in leading sociology journals.

The Outstanding Young Scholar award, created in 1996, is designed to enhance the careers of junior faculty by providing support for their scholarly activities, to recognize and reward academic excellence and to encourage contact and cooperation with industry and institutions that support research and education.

campus calendar.....

Monday, May 1
Final exams begin.

Tuesday, May 2
Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m.
McFall Center Gallery.

Wednesday, May 3
Dissertation defense,
"A Psychoanalytic Defense of
Ludic Feminism," by Laura
Newhart, philosophy, 10 a.m.-
noon, 301 Shatzel Hall.

Dissertation defense,
"Instructor Credibility and Pedagogical Strategy: A Descriptive
Case Study," by Colleen Coleman,
communication studies, 10 a.m.,
313 West Hall.

Brown Bag Luncheon,
"Perceptions of Feminism at
BGSU," presented by Christa
Lindemer, American culture stud-
ies, Women's Center, 107 Hanna
Hall.

Thursday, May 4
Administrative Staff Council,
1:30-3 p.m., Pallister Conference
Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, May 5
Spring semester ends.

Board of Trustees, 1:30 p.m.
McFall Center Assembly Room.

Dissertation defense, "Social
Communication through Chemi-
cal Signals: Crayfish as a Model
System," by Rebecca Zulandt
Schneider, biological sciences, 1
p.m., 330 Life Sciences Building.

Graduate College Commence-
ment, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

BGSU Firelands Commence-
ment, 7:30 p.m., North Building.

Saturday, May 6

Commencement Exercises,
College of Arts & Sciences, 9:30
a.m.; Colleges of Business Admin-
istration, Health and Human
Services and Technology, 1 p.m.;
Colleges of Education and Human
Development and Musical Arts,
4:30 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Continuing Events

April 23-May 5
MFA Exhibitions, culminating
exhibits for graduating students,
Bryan and Wankelman galleries,
Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours
are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-
Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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Dobb moves into new quarters

Beginning May 1, Executive Vice President Linda Dobb will have a new phone number and address.

She can be reached at 209 Hayes Hall; phone 2-9233; fax 2-7723.

Ferrari Award nominations due

Friday (May 5) is the deadline for nominations for the Michael A. Ferrari Award. This award recognizes a member of administrative staff who has demonstrated caring for others, outstanding performance and concern for the growth and development of the University.

The winner will receive a cash award and a plaque as well as a reserved parking space for one year.

Award criteria and nomination forms are available from Laura Waggoner, registration and records, 110 Administration Building. Completed forms must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. May 5.

job postings.....

FACULTY

English. Instructor. Call Tom
Wymer, 2-2576. Deadline: May 2.

DTL/Off-Campus Programs.
Instructor. Call Leigh Chiarelli,
2-7352. Deadline: May 8.

Management. Visiting assistant
professor. Call Peter Pinto, 2-
2947. Deadline: May 18.

Leadership and Policy Stud-
ies. Instructor. Call Margaret
Booth, 2-9950. Deadline: May 26.

Family and Consumer Sci-
ences. Instructor (two positions).
Call Tom Chibucos, 2-7823.
Deadline: May 26.

Continuing Education. Associ-
ate/full professor (tenure or tenure
track). Call Roger Thibault, 2-
8208. Deadline: May 30.

Ethnic Studies. Visiting assis-
tant professor. Call the depart-
ment, 2-2796. Deadline: Dec. 15.

Contact Human Resources at
372-8421 for information regard-
ing the following:
CLASSIFIED

Secretary 2 (C-61-Va)—Ger-
man, Russian and East Asian
Languages. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Director of Athletic Commu-

nications (S-040)—Athletic
Department. Administrative
grade level 15. Deadline: May 2.

Technical Support Coordina-
tor (M-011)—Department of
Telecommunications. Adminis-
trative grade level 14. Deadline:
May 5.

Head Coach for Strength and
Conditioning (C-039)—Athletic
Department. Deadline: May 8.

Academic Adviser (M-044)—
Academic Enhancement. Admin-
istrative grade level 14. Deadline:
May 19.

Assistant Director, Bowling
Green Employment Advantage
Program (S-045)—Career Ser-
vices. Administrative grade level
15. Deadline: May 19.

Director of Annual Giving
(M-043)—Office of Develop-
ment. Administrative grade level
16. Deadline: May 19.

Learning Disability Specialist
(S-046)—Disability Services for
Students. Administrative grade
level 12. Deadline: May 19.

Systems Programmer (M-
002)—Information Technology
Services (Position re-opened).
Administrative grade level 15.
Deadline: May 19.

BGSUPERNET

Infrastructure contractor named

A Toledo company has been
awarded the contract for the
public works portion of
BGSUPERNET, the BGSU technol-
ogy infrastructure project.

Romanoff Electric Corp.
submitted a bid of approximately
\$11.9 million for the work,
which is scheduled to begin May
8. The staging area is being estab-
lished now along Poe Road,
across from the Technology
Annex.

Public works includes digging
trenches, placing conduit, con-
structing and modifying rooms
in buildings, and constructing
pathways within buildings to
hold cable.

Romanoff is no stranger to
BGSU, where the company has
been part of many projects,
including the construction of
Moore Musical Arts Center and
remodeling and renovation
projects in Hayes, Founders and
McDonald halls.

The company is also involved
with the construction manage-
ment program in the University's
College of Technology. Company
representatives teach a construc-
tion management class and
participate on the program's
advisory committee.

Equipment has started to
arrive on campus for infrastruc-
ture-project construction, which
will begin both inside and outside
the five "core" sites—Hayes Hall,
the Technology Building,
Kreischer Quadrangle and
WBGU-TV (the data/video sys-
tem core), and Offenauer Tow-

ers, which with Hayes and
Kreischer will form the voice core.

Once the trenching is done and
the conduits installed between the
core locations, IBM will begin to
install fiber and copper cable, said
Wayne Colvin, construction and
cabling manager for the project.
Interior and exterior work at those
sites is to be done by mid-June.

Trenching and conduit will
then be extended to other build-
ings, and interior building work
will follow, he said.

Whether the public works
contractor goes into individual
offices depends on the type of
building construction, he added.
The contractor may have to drill
holes for cabling into rooms
with walls that extend to the
floor above.

Installation of wiring and elec-
tronics is expected to begin June
19, but while some buildings will
be wired right away, others won't
be done until September 2001,
Colvin said.

IBM, the cabling contractor,
will be in every campus space,
possibly in blocks of two to three
hours per room, either running
cable through walls or mounting
Bowling Green Information Con-
nections (BICs) and connecting
wires.

For more information about the
notification process for interior
building work, see the BGSUPERNET
ad in today's issue of The BG
News. For construction updates
and other information, check the
project Web site at www.bgsu.edu/bgsupermet.

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Assemblies with various academic
and non-academic offices, Ribeau
said. Several suggestions from
students have been forwarded to
the respective campus offices
with the intent of continually
improving our services to stu-

dents. What better way to re-
spond to the needs of prospective
and current students than to
listen to the personal testimonials
and suggestions from graduating
seniors?"